Ministering Today

Presiding Elder Dave Sinn Kevin Wolfe Elders Mike Buckley Deacons Chancel Geraldine Runkle Head **Tim Dougherty** Larry Weber Debbie Presnell Terrie Wronkiewicz Lay Reader Kate Spielman Greeters Frank Wheeler Kathleen Wheeler Counters Mike & Laura Buckley Adult SS Hank Anderson Youth SS Cheryl Davis Preschool Jenny Tripses

First Christian Church Peoria, as an open and affirming church, believes that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family structure, physical and mental ability, race, socio-economic status, age, and gender identity. We welcome all people to participate fully in the life and ministry of First Christian Church

Staff

Hank Anderson **Interim Minister** Music Ministry Coordinator **Heather Woods Brian Woods** Organist Mason Fitch Digital Ministry Coordinator Brandy Cox Child Care Diane Pfoff Office Manager Lynn Hutton Bookkeeper Sung Kim Custodian

Calendar

Today 9:00 am Adult Studies 10:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Elders Meeting 12:30 pm Jubilate Ringers 1:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00 pm Private Group

Monday

6:00 pm Peoria Players

Tuesday

6:00 pm PACC

6:00 pm Peoria Players

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

6:00 pm Peoria Players

Thursday

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Friday

5:30 pm Tamil

Saturday

7:00 am Private Group

Next Sunday

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9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Worship Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
4:30 pm	Cluster Lenten Service
	FCC Creve Coeur
7:00 pm	Private Group



March 2, 2025 10:30am

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Eighth Sunday After Epiphany
+ indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Faith and fear both demand you believe in something you cannot see. You choose!

-Bob Proctor

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation

Be Thou My Vision - arr. Wood
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare
your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn #66 Immortal. Invisible. God Only Wise

+Call to Worship

Leader: I will thank you, Lord, among all the people. I will sing your praises among the nations.

People: For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.

People: May your glory shine over all the earth.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Gracious God, we stand in awe of your mighty works and tender mercies. You frequently surprise us with your grace and delight us with miracles both great and small. Forgive us when we take you for granted or find it hard to trust you. Deepen our faith, O God, so that our lips and our lives bring a smile to your face. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying...

The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Vision Response We Call Our Selves Disciples vs 4 Scripture Reading Luke 7:1-10

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Special Music Sanctuary Choir I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Keith Christopher

Sermon Deann Anderson

Luke: Stories That Transform Unexpected Faith

†Hymn of Commitment #576

My Faith Looks up to Thee

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn #427
Loving God, as Now We Gather

The Lord's Supper

All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.

Reflections on "Bradbury" - Bradbury/Wagner

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

My Lord, What a Morning - arr. Hancock

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

†Congregational Response #431 Go, My Children, with My Blessing vs. 1

Postlude

#357

Voluntary in C - Zundel/Ryan

Today's Announcements (weekly calendar on back)

- Communion Elements ~ For those who feel they need an extra level of protection, there are sealed bread and juice containers. We ask that everyone else use the double-cupped wafer and juice that will be passed through the pews.
- We are a church of prayer ~ There are prayer request forms in the pews and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it directly to the pastor.
- Our sound system is equipped with a hearing assistance technology system. Please see someone in the tech booth for more information or to use.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ During the season of Lent, Hank will be leading a study looking at some of the different ways that Christians have understood the Cross. There is a book to go along with this study, and the cost is \$10. If the cost is an issue, however, talk to Hank. Please sign up at the information desk or in the app
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank.
 We are studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. Please join us anytime!
- Disciple Women ~ March 11th at 12 p.m. The group will be doing chair yoga with Melissa Wyeneth. Sign up at the information desk or in the app!
- Tasting Peoria ~ March 13th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Kelleher's Irish Pub, 619 Southwest Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The movie is "The Shawshank Redemption". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The book is "We Solve Murders" by Richard Osman. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico; please reach out to Elizabeth or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- March Potluck ~ March 30th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.